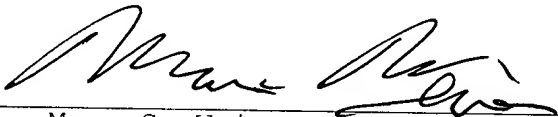


Appl. No. 09/637,082

required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By 

Marc S. Weiner
Reg. No. 32,181
Post Office Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

MSW/sh

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning on page 51, line 16 and ending on page 52, line 6 has been amended as follows:

To transfer the image, the heat-setting label sheet is imaged by, for example, an ink jet printer. The heat sealing material (or label portion) is peeled away from the base and placed on the receptor element. A heating device (i.e., a hand iron or heat press) is used to apply heat and pressure to the support which in turn activates the heat-sealing material and the label adheres to the receptor. The temperature range of the hand iron is generally in the range of 110 to 220°C with about 190°C being the preferred temperature. The heat press operates at a temperature range of 100 to 220°C with about 190°C being the preferred temperature. The heating device is placed over the non-image side of the support and moved in a circular motion (hand iron only). Pressure (i.e., typical pressure applied during ironing) must be applied as the heating device is moved over the support (see Figure 1). After about two minutes to five minutes (with about three minutes being preferred) using a hand iron and 10 seconds to 50 seconds using a heat press (with about twenty seconds being preferred) of heat and pressure, the transfer device is removed from the support. Optionally, a sheet of paper [of] or protective film may be placed in-between the label and

Appl. No. 09/637,082

heating device to protect the image and/or upper layers of the label from damage caused by the heating device during the heating period.